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Practioner's Docket No. 99-829CPA1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re prior application of: Himanshu S. Sinha  
Application No.: 09/425,088 Group No.: 2142  
Filed: October 22, 1999 Examiner: D. Blair  
For: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS AND MANAGEMENT THEREOF

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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
(37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d))

1. This is a request for a filing of a continuation continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d) of the above-identified prior nonprovisional application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. sections 1.8(a) and 1.10\*  
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It is further requested that this continued prosecution application utilize the file jacket and contents of the prior application, including the specification, drawings and oath or declaration from the prior application, to constitute this new application, and that the application number of the above identified prior application be assigned for identification purposes. 37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d)(2)(iv).

It is also requested that the above identified prior application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date accorded this continued prosecution application. 37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d)(2)(v).

2. With respect to the above identified prior nonprovisional application, this continued prosecution application is being filed before the abandonment of the prior application. 37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(B).

The term for response or taking action in the prior application expires on June 17, 2003.

3. It is noted that:

- \* This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application. 37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d)(2)(ii).
- \* Filing of this continued prosecution application is to be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. SECTION 122 to the extent that any member of the public, who is entitled under the provisions of SECTION 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning either the prior application or any continuing application filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d), may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning the other application or applications in the file jacket. 37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d)(6).
- \* Filing of this request is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. SECTION 120 to every application assigned the application number identified in this request and that no amendment in this application may delete this specific reference to any prior application. 37 C.F.R. sections 1.53(d)(7) and 1.78(a)(2).

4. This continued prosecution application names as inventors, the same inventors named in the prior application on the date this continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. section 1.53(d)(2)(iii) is being filed.

5. A Request for Reconsideration is enclosed.

6. Entry of the May 16, 2003 After Final Amendment is requested.

7. A nonpublication request is enclosed.

**8. Fee Calculation**

Regular Application

<b>CLAIMS AS FILED</b>					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$750.00
Total Claims <u>(37 CFR 1.16(c))</u>	16	- 20 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims <u>(37 CFR 1.16(b))</u>	5	- 3 =	2 x	\$84.00	\$168.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any <u>(37 CFR 1.16(d))</u>			+	\$280.00	\$0.00

Filing Fee Calculation \$918.00

**9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

Enclosed

Filing Fee \$918.00

**Total Fees Enclosed** \$918.00

**10. Method of Payment of Fees**

Charge Account No. 07-2339 in the amount of \$918.00.  
A duplicate of this request is attached.

**11. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 07-2339:

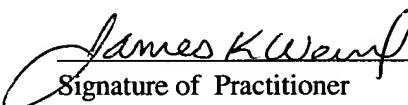
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**12. Instructions as to Overpayment**

Credit Account No. 07-2339

Date: 6/17/2003

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 17, 2003, the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) concurrently herewith, and entry of the After Final Amendment filed May 16, 2003, reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.